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| **Week 26:** | **Join us in Joulukka (snow)** |

**Magical Joulukka is located deep in the Arctic Circle in an authentic forest of Lapland. The land and nearby lake have been inhabited by the long nosed and long eared Elves for hundreds of years and it can be tricky to find.**

**The Elves of Joulukka have an important task in supervising the logistics of Christmas night. They need to start early in the year to make sure Santa Claus is ready for his long trip.**

**Jump into an adventure with the elves and take a peek into Joulukka and to Elves’ every day chores in preparing Christmas, such as fetching the Christmas tree, tobogganing, reindeer sleigh riding and arctic barbeque. In summer the Elves go fishing, care for the reindeer and hike in the woods picking berries and mushrooms.**

**The Elves are very good in coming up with games in nature. They also do excellent food on the open fire from natural ingredients and like to invite human friends to sauna! If you are lucky, you might find the way to Santa’s Secret Command Center … or Santa himself!**

[*http://www.visitrovaniemi.fi/experience-rovaniemi/sights-attractions/joulukka*](http://www.visitrovaniemi.fi/experience-rovaniemi/sights-attractions/joulukka)

**Games:**

1. **Active Game**: Elves having fun in the forest (Pegs)

*Games Module: page 66*

2. **Relay Game**: Fetching the Christmas Trees

Cubs in their Sixes; half on one side and the other half on the other side. Use a broom as the Christmas tree. On ‘go’ the first cub must piggy-back the second cub to the other side. Drop off the first Cub and the second Cub runs back with the Christmas tree (broom). He/she now piggy-backs the third Cub across. Third Cub needs to hold the broom. Second Cub stays behind and third Cub runs back with broom to collect fourth Cub. First Six finished wins.

1. **Wide Game/Trail:** Hike in the Woods

**In the summer months the Elves go hiking and they see some strange, wonderful and weird things in the snow!**

Cubs follow a trail that has been pre-laid. They need to write down all that they see and in the correct order as it will spell a word. Where possible use the real thing and where not possible, use pictures. (*It can be any word to suit the theme*).

Example:

S String

A Picture of an ANT

N Nut

T Tin

A Ape

C Cat

L Leopard

A Alligator

U Unicorn

S Snake

4. **Circle Game**: Know your resources

A leader speaks to the Cubs about conserving any 3 natural resources and asks how they think they can conserve them. Cubs sit in a circle and they are named – Sun, Water, and Air. The leader then calls “Air” and all the “Air’s” run around in a clockwise fashion back to their place and into the middle for a sweet.

1. **Quiet/Active Game**: Conserving Energy in Lapland

*Even although it is very cold in Lapland, we need to make sure we are not wasting energy unnecessarily …*

Before going into this game the leader can talk to the Cubs about how to conserve energy in the home. Cubs can add their ideas.

Examples would be:

* Replace incandescent light bulbs with energy efficient CFL light bulbs.
* Check windows and doors for air leaks.
* Don't hold the refrigerator door open for long periods of time.
* Unplug electronics like cell phones, video game consoles, and televisions when not in use.
* Heaters – electricity versus gas
* Shut down the computer when you are done using it.
* Turn off all the lights every time you leave the room.

Once you have discussed these with the Cubs, have some cards with good ideas to conserve energy and some bad ideas – either pictures or words. Scatter them around a designated area. Cubs to find all the cards – in Sixes or in pairs – colour code or number them so that each group fetch their own set of cards. When they have found all their cards, let them stick them up on a large piece of paper with the headings “Save Energy” and “Waste Energy”.

**Sense Training:**

1. **Kim’s Game**: Feeling our Finnish Friends

**There are 3 snakes that live in Finland and just like Kaa they too have to eat! Let’s see what our friend has been eating***.*

A very long sock is used and a number of different items are placed inside the sock. Cubs must feel what our friendly snake has been eating.

1. **Kim’s Game**: Sticky Kim’s Game

**It is fun being one of Santa’s Elves – they get to see the new toys long before anyone else.**

*Games Module: page 62*. The picture prepared for the Cubs to try and recreate should fit in with the theme.

**Some dogs are trained to find people lost in the snow.**

**Yarn:**

**Story of Senta**

This is the true story of an Alsatian called Senta.

Senta was four years old and lived with her master, Anton, in a hut in the mountains, five thousand feet above sea level, in a country called Styria.

Their chalet was used as an overnight stop for skiers in winter and mountaineers in summer. But now it was a winter’s night and the place was empty, except for Anton and Senta. A terrific snowstorm had swept down on them during the afternoon and, knowing there would be no visitors that night, Anton had gone to bed early.

It was two o’clock in the morning and Senta woke him, nudging his cheek with her cold, wet nose and whining under her breath. It was very unlike Senta to think of going out on such a night so Anton got up and dressed in his heavy mountaineering kit while, all the time, Senta was whining at the door. Anton put her on the lead and, as he opened the door, the blizzard hit them. “All right, old girl,” he told her, “I suppose you know best.”

But he began to wonder if she really did know what she was up to, as she tugged him along, the wind driving hail and snow into their faces. After ten minutes, he hauled her to a stop. “Senta, no! There is nothing there.”

But she whimpered and tugged him on, keeping to the flat plateau, which lay like a great shelf below the other mountains. So much new snow had fallen on the hard-packed surface that it was difficult going and the man began to flounder in the drifts. After a quarter of an hour he protested again. “I’ve had enough of this lark. If you want to play snow-games at this time of night you do it by yourself, while I go home to bed.”

He let her off the lead and she bounded on ahead, barking furiously and then came hurrying back for him, like a dark shadow dancing about on the snow. So, of course, he had to follow.

It was twenty minutes struggle from the hut before Senta stopped, barking wildly at what looked like a mound of snow. Anton tested it with his stick and felt something solid. Scraping away the top layer of loose snow with his hands he came on a heavy tweed coat, frozen stiff.

Then he and the dog set to with a will and discovered that there were two elderly people, a man and a woman, huddled together in each other’s arms, unconscious.

Anton recognized them, although their faces were blue with cold, as the nice old couple who lived in a chalet in the nearby village who would often go for a walk on the plateau on a fine day. He remembered that the morning had been sunny and guessed that they had set out for a walk, not seeing the storm clouds piling up behind the mountain-tops, and then been over-whelmed by the sudden blizzard.

But while this was racing through his head he did not stop what he was doing: he worked feverishly to rub their hands and faces and to work their arms and legs which were stiff with the deadly cold. They were breathing and presently, under his rough treatment, the old man began to gasp and a trace of colour started to flow back to his cheeks. “You’re all right!” shouted Anton above the noise of the storm and after a while the old man opened his eyes and began to believe it. “I thought we were goners,” he croaked. “My wife …?” “She’ll be all right,” Anton reassured him, “once we get moving. Come on!” While he was struggling to get the old man to his feet, Senta was licking the woman’s cheeks with her warm tongue.

It took a great deal more than twenty minutes to get them both back to the warmth of the hut; the man staggering along with Anton’s stick in one hand and Senta’s lead in the other, to pull him steadily forwards. Anton was carrying the woman, who was smaller and frailer and still deeply unconscious. She did not come to her senses until they were all back in the hut, the old couple lying before a roaring log fire, wrapped in blankets, while Anton heated some meat broth and Senta just sat there with what looked like a grin on her face.

“How on earth did you find us?” they asked later on. “How could you possibly know that anyone was out there, much less in trouble?” “I didn’t,” said Anton “It was Senta who knew and made me go along.”

They didn’t believe it but it happens to be true.

**We need to be aware of what wasting energy can do to the climate – and also how we can help our feathered friends during the cold months.**

**Craft/Activity:**

1. **Activity**: Make a Climate Change Cootie Catcher

Template can be found here: <http://www.scouting.org.za/climatechange/Climate%20Change%20-%20Adult%20handbook%20Cubs.pdf> - page 11

(Some good ideas on recycling and energy saving games and discussion ideas can be found in this document – used for the Cubs National Challenge in 2011)

1. **Handcraft**: Birds are best

**The little Elves have been very busy on their nature walks and have collected pine cones to make some bird feeders. The Elves even think of the little people in the forest.**

Cubs make a bird feeder. Some bird feeder ideas can be found here: <http://happyhooligans.ca/32-homemade-bird-feeders/>

**The Elves love playing with the moose in Joulukka but there are some crazy ones around.**

**Singing/Play Acting:**

1. **Singing**: Crazy Moose Song (a repeat after me song)

There was a crazy moose

Who like to drink a lot of juice

There was a crazy moose

Who liked to drink a lot of juice.

**CHORUS:**

Singing way-oh, way oh

Way up, way up, way up, way up

Way oh, way oh

Way up, way up, way up way up.

The moose’s name was Fred

He liked to drink his juice in bed

He drank his juice with care

But he spilled some in his hair.

**CHORUS:**

Now he’s a sticky moose

A moose all covered in juice

All his hair went stiff

So he combed it in a quaff.

**CHORUS:**

Hi friends began to laugh

So he had to take a bath

As the water went down

Fred the moose began to drown.

Singing glug – glug – glug – glug

Now let’s all count to five

Fred the moose is back alive

1. **Playacting:**

Cubs can playact the following:

* A Mom ensuring her children turn off the lights when they leave the room.
* Ways to save water
* Heating water using solar energy
* Etc.

**Advancement covered:**

**Silver Wolf:**

*Conservation:* Name three natural resources which are important to conserve. Show a Pack Scouter how you can help to conserve them. **(Games, Activity, Playacting)**

**Gold Wolf**:

*Conservation:* Identify everyday activities in your home which waste or consume energy. **(Games, Activity, Playacting)**